

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>State/Union Territories</i>	<i>Total No. of Plants set up .</i>
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	143
29.	Delhi	600
30.	Pondicherry	472
Grand Total		14,03,574

High Power Transmitters in Various Districts in Orissa

1603. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by the the government to upgrade the TV transmitters at Sambalpur and Rourkela and set up more Low Power Transmitters in Gunupur, Malkangiri, Laxmipur, Nowrangpur, Sunabeda and Umerkote in Koraput districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by when these are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) to (c). TV coverage in Koraput district is expected to improve consequent upon the operationalisation of the high power transmitter (10KW) installed at Bhawanipatna. Besides, a low power TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Malkangiri in Koraput district subject to the availability of resources for the purpose. There is, however, no approved scheme, at present, to upgrade the existing TV transmitters at Sambalpur and Rourkela.

Electrified villages in Madhya Pradesh

1604. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified during the 7th Plan Period and in 1990-91 in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the number of villages which are proposed to be electrified during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information , 19, 552 villages were electrified during the 7th Plan Period in Madhya Pradesh. The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board has reported electrification of 2980 villages in the State during 1990-91.

(b) During the current financial year, 1,620 villages are proposed to be electrified in the Madhya Pradesh.

Age of Girls for Marriage

1605. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted regarding the marriage age of girls in the country; and

(b) if so the name of the State in which it is highest, and details thereof in rural as well as Urban areas separately in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) During Census operations information has been elicited from all even-married women about the age at marriage.

(b) According to the 1981 Census, the mean age at marriage was the highest in Mizoram and Nagaland States being 20.2 years for currently married women. In Mizoram the mean age at marriage was 20.1 years in rural areas and 20.5 years in urban areas. In Nagaland, the mean age at marriage was 20.4 years in rural areas and 19.2 years in urban areas. 1991 census results are yet to be tabulated.

Creation of Separate Body for problems of Newspaper Industry

1606. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for creation of separate body to go into the problems of the newspaper industry and help them restore their position; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJJA VYAS): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Seizure of Arms on the Border

1607. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any seizure of arms on the Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof, date-wise and area-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to check such illegal arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The details of arms seized, date-wise and area-wise during the last 6 months are given in the Statement attached.

(c) With a view to preventing smuggling, border forces have been strengthened, both in force and in equipment and weaponry. Border fencing and flood-lighting is being done in specified areas. The intelligence set up of the border forces has also been geared up and further strengthened for keeping close surveillance on the border.